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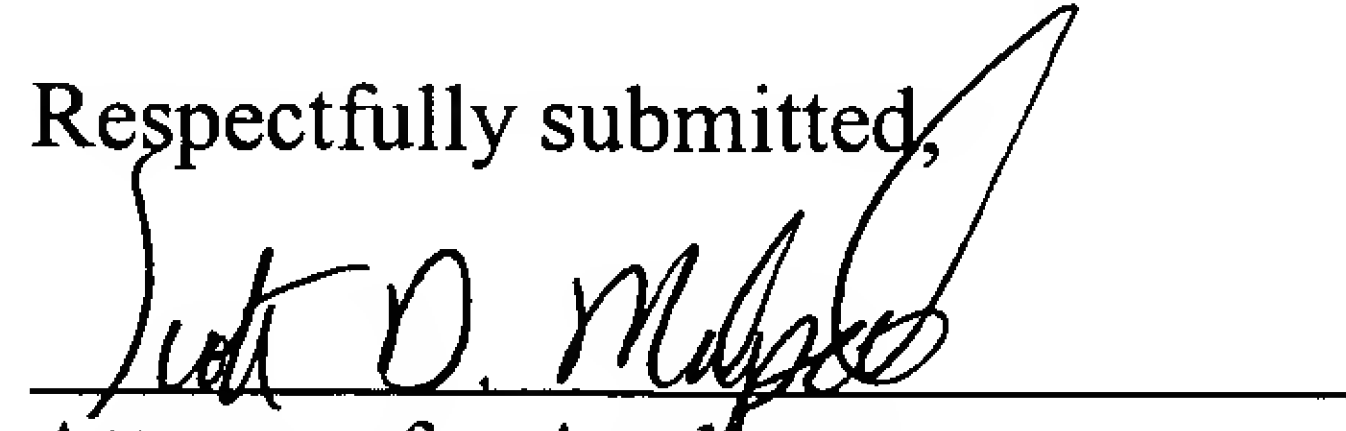
Applicants request favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-15, 17-29 and 66-95 are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 13, 20, 66, 73, 80, 86 and 91-93 are independent. Claims 1, 2, 5, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 21, 24, 27, 66-73, 80, 86, 88, 91 and 92 have been amended to clarify features of the subject invention, while claims 93-95 have been added to recite additional features of the subject invention. Support for these changes and the new claims can be found in the original application, as filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-15, 17-29 and 66-92 were previously allowed in this application. Applicants submit that the foregoing changes do not substantively affect the allowability of these claims. Applicants further submit that claims 93-95 patentably define the exposure apparatus of the present invention. Accordingly, the instant application is submitted to remain in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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